(b) The said workers were brought from the open market and engaged by the Handling and Transport Contractors according to their choice and suitability for work in the FCI depots. They were being employed and paid by the contractors for the work done. Hence, there was no question of retrenching any of these workers of contractors by the FCI.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

Number of passengers in AC

1629. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the complete details of carrying capacity and number of passengers travelled in First AC, 2AC and 3AC in trains originating/ terminating from/at Ahmedabad, Delhi, Chennai, Bangalore, Kolkata, Mumbai and Guwahati during first six months of 2004, train-wise and sector-wise;

(b) what are the details of percentage utilization, class-wise on these trains, train-wise and sector-wise; and

(c) what are the earning to Railways from the above trains during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The desired information is not maintained.

Procurement of rice and wheat

1630. SHRI SANTOSHBAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKASONI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target set for procurement of rice and wheat in the year 2004, State-wise;

(b) how it is going to be procured or achieved; and

(c) if the target is not achieved the reasons therefor?